Dear all,

With this AMIS spring newsletter, we would like to draw your attention to some recent highlights in the centre’s activities:

**New AMIS seminar report** on *Danish desires to export asylum responsibility to camps outside Europe: A research-based discussion* based on the AMIS online seminar.

**New article in the Conversation** about the legacies and continuities in internal African slavery.

**New AMIS research intern.**

**MOVE Beyond project**, funded by Erasmus+.

**AMIS contributes to the discussion of the new national development strategy.**

**Migrant Dreams.** AMIS book seminar with Samuli Schielke.

Happy reading,

Marie Sandberg, director of AMIS

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**Danish desires to export asylum responsibility to camps outside Europe: A research-based discussion**

On 26 February, the Centre for Advanced Migration Studies (AMIS) organised the online seminar *Danish desires to export asylum responsibility to camps outside*
Europe: A research-based discussion focusing on the legislative proposal of 4 February 2021: "Lov om ændring af Udlændingeloven (Indførelse af mulighed for overførsel af asylsøgere til asylsagsbehandling og indkvartering i tredjelande)" which translates into "Legislative reform of the Aliens Act (launching the possibility to transfer asylum seekers to case processing and residency in third countries)".

The aim of the seminar was to contribute with much needed research-based and multidisciplinary perspectives in order to discuss the legislative proposal of 4 February 2021 in light of recent developments in the Danish asylum system, and in a comparison with international practice, while the legislative proposal was still in its public hearing phase.

The seminar proved a very timely intervention, with an online audience of over 200 people. These included academics from all over the world, Danish and international organisations and non-government organisations, as well as policy makers and representatives from several countries' ministries and agencies, national and international monitoring bodies and also journalists.

We hope you will take a look at the four great presentations by excellent scholars Ahlam Chemlali, Zachary Whyte, Nikolas Feith Tan and Martin Lemberg-Pedersen.

Read the AMIS seminar report through this link.
The Conversation is an online news platform that presents itself as combining ‘academic rigour, with journalistic flair’. The Conversation gives academics the occasion to communicate about their research and through their regional offices (e.g. US, UK, France), they assist in editing the text in order to render it more accessible to a broader public. It is also a platform that gives the possibility for comments and discussion on the posted article. Sometimes international news media take up an article from the Conversation to spread it further.

The SLAFMIG research team, which consists of researchers Marie Rodet from SOAS, London (UK) and Lotte Pelckmans from AMIS, Copenhagen (DK) as well as Bakary CAMARA, Rights faculty in Bamako (ML), has written about the ways in which the legacies and continuities in internal African slavery have not been sufficiently dealt with by the Malian government in West Africa. The comments and debates following the publication of the article revolve around what kind of laws and forms of criminalising discrimination based on slave descent could be most helpful, if at all. The article has been published both in English on 15 February and in French on 11 March 2021:

Read the article in English or in French through these links.

Read more research insights from the SLAFMIG project. Read the SLAMIG newsletter in English or in French through these links.
Nolwenn Marconnet is a fourth semester MA student with AMIS. She is currently working as a research intern for the Slavery and Forced Migration (SlaFMig) project hosted by Lotte Pelckmans. She is working on the (digital) involvement of the West African diaspora in anti-slavery movements, specifically around so-called "descent-based slavery".

Her contribution includes conducting interviews with anti-slavery activists, monitoring social media interactions and researching diaspora literature. She will use this research for her master thesis in migration studies.

Nolwenn graduated from a Humanities and Social Sciences bachelor's degree in Sciences Humaines Appliquées from the Université Grenoble Alpes, France, in 2019, after going on year-long exchange at the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. As part of her third semester of master, Nolwenn conducted a five-month remote research and communication internship for the Scalabrini Institute for Human Mobility in Africa (SIHMA) in Cape Town, South Africa. As part of this experience, she, amongst other things, wrote research blog posts and reports, created a blog post series on the exclusion of African migrant women from accessing basic rights, and she is now finishing a report on the best practices to combat human trafficking in the Southern African Development Community (SADC).
MOVE Beyond is a European project, funded by Erasmus+, aimed at inspiring cross-sector work on the integration of refugees through sport. AMIS was the project’s academic partner. Working across five countries and involving eleven organizations, MOVE Beyond developed empowering frameworks for refugees to involve themselves as equals in this work.

The project formulated action plans for opening up sports clubs and associations to refugees and others; it tested and developed systems for promoting collaborations between sports and non-sports organizations; and it developed recommendations for local, national, and international policymakers.

AMIS was represented by Zachary Whyte, associate professor, who participated in project activities, contributed a guide for conducting focus group interviews with refugees, and worked on the project recommendations.

Read more about Move Beyond through this link.

AMIS contributes to the discussion of the new national development strategy

On 3 February 2021 Simon Turner, AMIS associate professor, attended a thematic discussion with the Minister for Development Aid at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on regions of origin (nærområder), migration and displacement. Simon gave an expert presentation on conflicts and diaspora.

Other presenters were Anders Ladekarl, Danish Red Cross, Charlotte Stente, Danish Refugee Council, Nauja Kleist, Danish Institute for International Studies, and Johanne Schmidt-Nielsen, Save the Children. The meeting was arranged in connection with the Government’s work on a new national development strategy.

Migrant Dreams. AMIS book seminar with Samuli Schielke

Tuesday 27 April 12.00-14.00 (online via Zoom)

Migrant Dreams – Egyptian Workers in the Gulf States is Samuli Schielke’s vivid story of the dreams that inspire Egyptian workers’ imagination about migration, the
good life, and the realities they meet. This beautifully written ethnography is an exceptionally rich account of the imaginaries and experiences of the workers who move back and forth between rural Egypt and the Arab Gulf. In this AMIS event, with Samuli Schielke himself, you are invited into the laboratory of writing *Migrant Dreams*, probing how it came about, and to an exploration of how this story pertains to larger issues regarding migration.

![Picture of Schielke’s book](image)

Please join us for a post-lunch afternoon of dreaming migration in the Middle East. To receive the Zoom link please contact amis@hum.ku.dk.

**Programme**

12.00: Welcome / Nina Grønlykke Mollerup, AMIS associate professor

12.10: On Migrant Dreams / Samuli Schielke, senior research fellow at Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient

12.30: Writing *Migrant Dreams* / Discussant: AMIS postdoc Martin Ledstrup
12.50: Exploring *Migrant Dreams* / Discussant: AMIS students/Sooyeon Kim (Lucie)

13.10: Break

13.20: Q/A

Read more through this link.